RESOLUTION NO. 2017-012

A RESOLUTION IMPOSING A 90 DAY MORATORIUM ON ALL ZONING APPLICATIONS FOR PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF SOUTH FULTON

- **WHEREAS**, the City of South Fulton ("City") is a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia;
- **WHEREAS**, pursuant to House Bill 514 of the 2016 session of the Georgia General Assembly, the City of South Fulton incorporates on May 1, 2017;
- **WHEREAS**, Section 7.15(c) of the City Charter authorizes the elected Mayor and City Councilmembers to meet prior to May 1, 2017 and take actions to bind the City;
- WHEREAS, on April 23, 2017, the Fulton County Board of Elections certified the election results of the runoff elections of the Mayor and City Councilmembers;
- **WHEREAS**, the City is charged with preserving the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens;
- **WHEREAS**, the City's zoning power allows for, among other things, obtaining rezoning of land, including a change in conditions that constitutes a zoning decision of the governing body;
- **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 7.16(d) of the City Charter, all Fulton County Ordinances, including the Fulton County Zoning Ordinance, remains effective in the City until the City exercises control over the area and adopts its own ordinance on the issue(s);
- **WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council desire to study and make independent decisions on the matters of city planning and zoning within the City;
- **WHEREAS**, a reasonable amount of time is necessary in order to accomplish such acts, particularly in the light of the City's May 1, 2017 incorporation;
- **WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council need a reasonable amount of time to study and decide appropriate zoning policies for the City; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council find that a ninety (90) day period of time to conduct review of the zoning provisions is a reasonable period of time.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council that:

 The aforesaid recitals are not mere recitals, but are material portions of this Resolution;

- 2. During the period within the moratorium, the Mayor and City Council shall study and consider revisions to the City's zoning ordinance, which it adopted from Fulton County on April 29, 2017, effective May 1, 2017;
- 3. During the period within the moratorium, no applications for a rezoning, zoning variance, or other change in zoning shall be reviewed, discussed, or adopted by the Mayor and City Council;
- 4. During the period within the moratorium, no applications for a rezoning, zoning variance, or other change in zoning shall be accepted by Fulton County on behalf of the City of South Fulton;
- 5. This moratorium covers any applications for rezoning, zoning variance, or change in zoning sought to be filed at any time on or after May 1, 2017;
- 6. The moratorium shall commence at midnight on May 1, 2017 and shall end upon ninety (90) days' expiration thereform, unless sooner terminated by resolution of the Mayor and City Council;
- 7. In the event that any one or more of the provisions contained in this Resolution or Moratorium shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of this resolution or moratorium but this resolution and moratorium shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision has never been contained herein.
- 8. The within resolution and moratorium shall become effective on May 1, 2017.

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William "Bill" Edwards, Mayor Catherine Foster Rowell Mayor for Ten Carmalitha Lizandra Gumbs Helen Zenobia Willis Gertrude Naeema Gilyard Rosie Jackson khalid kamau Mark Baker	AYE	NAY	

^{**} The Title Mayor Pro Tem will be added behind the name of the person selected.

THIS RESOLUTION adopted this SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA day of April 2017. CITY OF WILLIAM "BILL" EDWARDS, MAYOR ATTEST: APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BSh Belinfante, INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY